GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Airports in Tiruchi, Madurai and Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these airports are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Tiruchirappalli Airport - The extension and strengtheing of runway alongwith construction of isolation bay and new fire station and construction of new integrated terminal building have been taken up. Main work is likely to be completed by February 2008.

Madurai Airport - Extension of runway alongwith expansion of apron, work for installation of ILS and construction of new integrated terminal building have been taken up. Airside work is expected to be completed by December 2007 whereas Terminal Building is likely to be commissioned by March 2009. New fire station has been constructed and commissioned in December, 2006.

Tuticorin Airport - There is a proposal for extension of runway and associated facilities for operation of AB-320 type of aircraft subject to availability of additional land free of cost and from all encumbrances, from Government of Tamil Nadu. No specific time frame can be indicated, at present.